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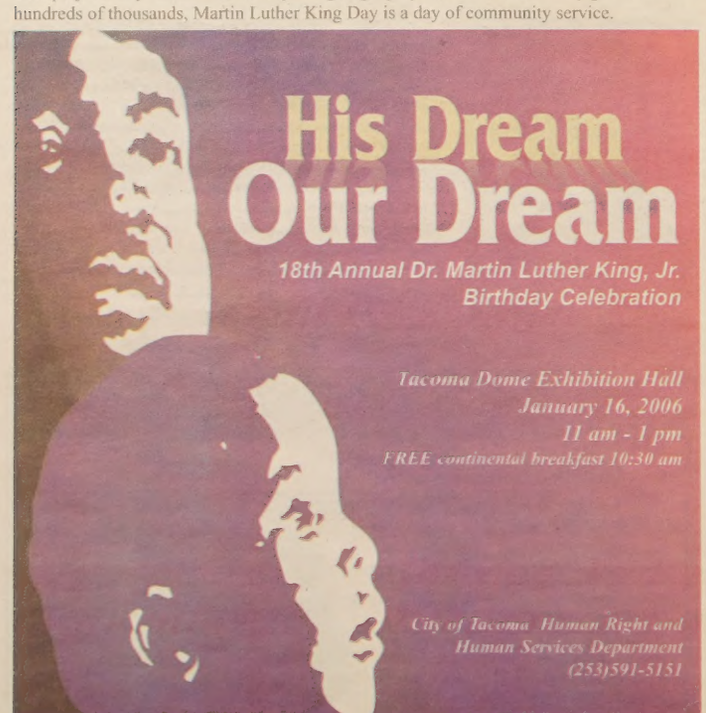
Martin Luther King Day Is Day Of Action

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Martin Luther King national holiday. For many Americans, the occasion isn't just a day off-it's also a day on-a day of service to honor Dr. King's legacy. On January 16, citizens in every state will spend the day tutoring children, building homes, cleaning parks, painting classrooms, delivering meals, and performing countless other acts of service\ In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act to encourage Americans to volunteer as an appropriate way to honor the memory of Dr. King. At the time of its passage, Coretta Scott King said, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others." And each year since then, hundreds of thousands of people across the United States have honored Dr. King's life and legacy through community service. This year the holiday will be made even more meaningful as many remember the late civil rights hero Rosa Parks. In 1955, during the height of segregation in America, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus. Her single act of civil disobedience helped fuel an entire civil rights movement and a new way of thinking and behaving in the United States. The King Holiday will also be a time for millions to reflect on the racial and social divides made more apparent by Hurricane Katrina. The storm exposed levels of abject poverty that many did not know still existed in America. "Service is a way to bridge some of those differences and build common bonds," said David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which has led the effort to transform the holiday into a day of service. "It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, young or old, fully abled or not. As Dr. King once said, 'Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.' Everyone should take advantage of the opportunity this January 16 to demonstrate their greatness." The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America, and The King Center. To learn how you can become involved with projects in your area or for help designing a project, visit www.mlkday.gov. For hundreds of thousands, Martin Luther King Day is a day of community service.



FOLLOWING IN THE FOOT STEPS OF A PIONEER

We Pay Trubute To Fitzgerald Beaver

The Facts Newspaper was established September 7, 1961 by Fitzgerald Redd Beaver, and was the first Black oriented newspaper in the Pacific Northwest. **The Facts** appeared as a sixteen page metro-sized chronicle of Black heritage, reporting on the success and transition within Black community. **The Facts** was distinguished by its personal character, pink pages and remarkable longevity. Mr. Beaver was a teacher as well as an inspirational and motivational leader for other publications in the Pacific Northwest. He provided encouragement and a beginning for several publishers, including Mr. Christopher Bennett of the Seattle Medium Newspaper, Mrs. Virginia Taylor of the Northwest Dispatch and Mr. Benard Foster of the Portland and Seattle Skanner Newspaper.

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Nathaniel Patterson's New Season.....

Pastor F.S. Rhodes / Bethlehem Baptist Church & Brother Nathaniel Patterson

After over 40 years as a faithful Music Director at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Brother Nathaniel Patterson was released with great fanfare and appreciation to move on to a new vineyard in ministry. Saturday night's Appreciation Service for Nathaniel was filled with joy, memories, admiration and tell-it-like-it-was stories. Many well known musicians and singers noted for great accomplishments themselves, stopped and honored their peer with loving testimonies of respect. Pastor F.S. Rhodes and the Bethlehem congregation awarded Nat with tributes, music and a beautiful plaque They blessed and freed him to go forth in music ministry with his nephew, Dr. Leslie Braxton and the New Beginnings Christian Church of Renton, WA. The special program, filled with anointed worship and praise, ended even more powerfully as Brother Patterson directed the New Beginning's Mass Choir on Kurt Carr's moving melody, "For Every Mountain." This illuminating song appeared to be the perfect statement to liberate Nathaniel into a new season, a new day.

By : Judy R. Neal, Gospel News

Dr. Martin Luther King EVENTS AND CELEBRATION

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE MUSICAL

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday, January 15th Shilo Baptist Church 1211 South I Street Tacoma, WA This is a FREE event

City to host 18th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

Jan. 16 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall.

The Black Student Union of the U.P.S. co-host the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

On Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00pm; The event will be held at UPS campus - Kilworth Chapel, North 18th & Warner, Tacoma, WA.

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We Honor and Pay Tribute to THE GODFATHER of Publishing.
Fitzgerald Redd Beaver A Man That Paved A Voice for African Americans in the Pacific Northwest.

Fitzgerald Redd Beaver
Founder - The Facts Newspaper

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Fitzgerald Redd Beaver, born January 18,1922 in Martinsville, Virginia, was a naturally youthful, vigorous and likeable person. Beaver finished high school in Martinsville, Virginia and attended A& T College in Greensboro, North Carolina. With a desire to see the U.S.A., he worked his way around the United States as a waiter on the Railroad.

He came to the West Coast at an early age and worked for the United States Army as a civilian employee, and during World War II, he worked in the Portland Shipyards. Beaver started in radio in 1950 in North Bend, Oregon, and then went for Radio and Public Relations training in Los Angeles, California. In 1955, he returned to Portland and became a radio personality as "Eager Beaver" and worked for the Blitz Wheinhardt Brewing Company. In 1961, Beaver came to Seattle, Washington to manage a radio station, KZAM, the first Black oriented station in the Northwest.

The first Black oriented newspaper;
THE FACTS NEWSPAPER was started in 1961.

As of September 7, 1983 (Volume 23, No 7) The FACTS appeared as a sixteen-page "Metro-Size" chronicle of Black Heritage, reporting on the success and transition within the Black Community. Its personal character, pink pages and remarkable longevity, distinguished THE FACTS; explains Mr. Beaver, "We try to pick up where the daily papers leave off."

The FACTS enjoys commercial prosperity with core support from the Black business community. The Publisher was clear in his view that the growth of The Facts corresponded with the greater development of the Black community. On the "mutual bond" between the community and the newspaper the, Publisher wrote in the September 7, 1983 issue, "I exert myself to give as much as I have received."

Since his move to Seattle in 1961, Mr. Beaver received 100 more community service awards. He worked in public relations for Central Brokers Co. and Langendorf Bread Co.; was a charter member of the Central Seattle Chapter of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Downtown Rotary Club. He served as President of the Boy's Club, and worked with the Army, Navy and Coast Guard in Minority recruiting programs, receiving honorary awards for his work in this area.

Fitzgerald Beaver was a firm family man, whose strong interest in community affairs enabled him to achieve his goals of building a solid business and providing a voice for a community of people whose needs have all to often not been heard. He was also an avid amateur golfer and won many trophies playing in tournaments up and down the West Coast. Fitzgerald Beaver was an eccentric mixture of personalities. In business, he was direct, as a Publisher, he was an outspoken foe of racism and proponent of Black prosperity, as a father he was an amiable guardian. Mr. Beaver was the Godfather of The Media in the Pacific Northwest

The passing of Mr. Beaver January 1, 1992 left The Facts in the capable leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Beaver, his prized student.

Mr. Dennis Beaver, youngest son of Fitzgerald Beaver took the position of editor and chief at The Facts Newspaper and is aware of the great responsibility and tradition he has undertaken to provide the community with the understanding as "The Voice of the African American Community"

Tacoma Briefs.....

The Tacoma School District Celebrated its' 2nd Annual "Community Connections Breakfast", at the Professional Development Center. The food was good and The participants were very friendly. Dr. Shoemake gave remarks and explained in detail the difference between a Bond and a Levy. New outreach programs were Introduced, School/Family/Community Partnership Sharon Stauffer explained program. Bilingual/Multicultural Specialist - Program explained by Terry Bouck. Another new program was introduced, Community Conversation Circles - Diane Schmidtke and Lynn MacDonald. The District Improvement Plan was presented by Ethelda Burke. Some very profound words were shared, among them; "Through Tacoma's Heart and Passion we grow and enhance our schools." Information was shared on the "Community Connections Notebook by Mr. Kurt Miller, President of the Tacoma School Board. After a short break, we were introduced to the consultant firm that is doing the search for the new Superintendent, Ray and Associates. The participants were given an opportunity to share their thoughts on what they feel the new superintendent's qualities should be. A survey is available on line that you are encouraged to take, www.tacoma.k 12.wa.us, (go to survey). This forum was very inclusive for the Community at large! Good work, Tacoma School District #10.

Thought for the week...

It is each Teacher's responsibility to find and nourish the genius in each child

Aunt Alice

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Grammy-Winning Singer Lou Rawls Dies of Lung Cancer at Age 72

Lou Rawls

Lou Rawls, the velvet-voiced singer who started as a church choir boy and went on to sell more than 40 million albums and win three Grammys in a career that spanned nearly five decades and a range of genres, has died, his publicist said. He was 72.

Rawls died early Friday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was hospitalized last month for treatment of lung and brain cancer, his publicist Paul Shefrin said. His wife Nina was at his bedside when he died, Shefrin said.The family and Shefrin said Rawls was 72, although other records indicate he was 70.

Rawls' voice was his inimitable trademark. Jazz historian Leonard Feather wrote in "The Encyclopedia of Jazz in the Sixties" that Rawls "has a vigorous, confident style, a strong affinity for the blues and a personal sound.""I've gone the full spectrum, from gospel to blues to jazz to soul to pop," Rawls once said on his Web site. "And the public has accepted what I've done through it all." Rawls' grandmother introduced him to gospel in his hometown of Chicago. The singer moved to Los Angeles in the mid-1950s to join a touring gospel group, the Pilgrim

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The Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Club
The 1st Annual Super " Chili " Bowl Fundraiser
Saturday, January 21, 2006 from 12 - 2pm

The Super "Chili" Bowl Fundraiser will be hosted on Saturday, January 21, 2006 from 12 - 2 PM. If you would like to enter the Super "Chili" Bowl Fundraiser and showcase your culinary creativity you need to pay a $15 entry fee. We will be recognizing the "Best Vegetarian Chili", "Best Tastin' Chili", and "Heart Healthy Chili". Please have your $15 in no later than January 17, 2006. Join us for an afternoon of warm fellowship on a "Chili" Day where you will have the pleasure of enjoying: . A hot, hearty mouth watering bowl of Chili. Fresh, Crisp Garden Salad, Homemade, Southern style Cornbread & Biscuits, A variety of tasty desserts and refreshing beverages. An opportunity to vote on the "Best tastin'," "Most Heart Healthy", and "Best Vegetarian " recipe.

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A Resolution to Exercise... My faith in every situation!!!

Ahhh gotcha! You thought I was saying that same old New Year's resolution thing didn't ya? Well actually, I pray that by committing to operate completely in faith, physical exercise will become a normal event for me in the process. And that's how I need faith to manifest in my life – normally, naturally and without hesitation. I want that "use my body Holy Ghost "Mary kind of faith; that march on into the Red Sea Moses faith; that midnight praying and singing Paul and Silas kind of faith. I'm seeking and expecting the name it and claim it, no doubt-show out God kind of faith. I know it's always been there. I know that it pleases God for me to use it. I know it shows God I trust Him and know He loves me unconditionally. So with all this knowledge what do I need to exercise my faith explicitly? I need my being saturated in the belief that my faith activates God's Almighty power to bring supernatural and unmitigated results. I must read, hear and be a doer of the Word, for faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). In this New Year, I've got to say what God says to get what He has prepared for me. I will be a move mountain talking wife (Matt 17:20); a pure as a mustard seed grain walking mother (Luke 17:6); and a believe what I speak friend, church member, citizen and minister (Mark 11:23). I believe He can turn my darkness to light and the doctor's diagnosis to a healthy prognosis. Do you believe the faith you have is enough to help you face anything you go through? Can the little mustard seed size of faith make the difference in how you go through life's uncertainties? Will you resolve with me to flex our muscles in faith for 'perfect fruit regardless of the conditions'? Just thinking about this commitment makes me smile for the peace faith walking brings. I feel lighter already.

Minister Judy R. Neal, Gospel News and Church Editor Habakkuk 2:2-4
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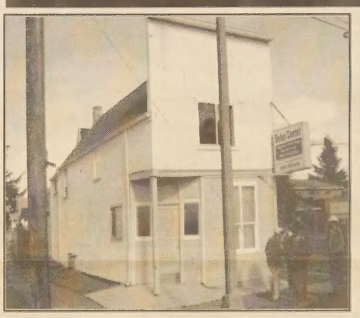

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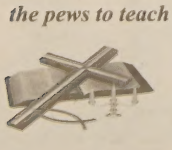

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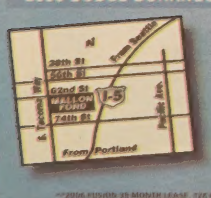

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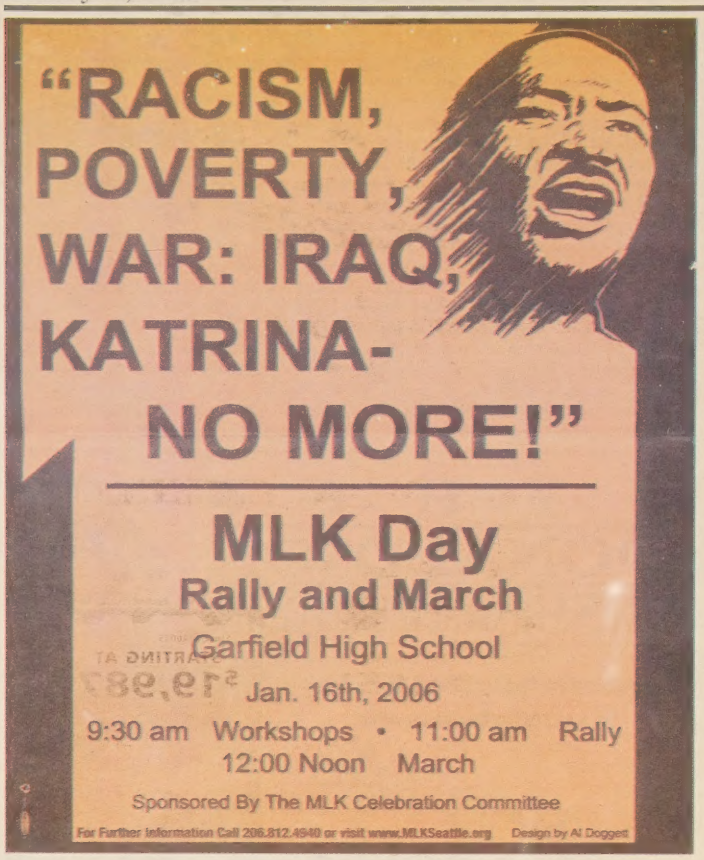
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KING

King who in the day (1975 to 19 whatever year the government agreed with us for a holiday in his name, we kept our children out of school on his birthday before they made it a holiday, not King Tuk who also is being made white, you see how light skinned Brother King is getting because Budweiser sponsor his birthday now. Martin not Kunta Kenta (Toby) April 4th 1968 when brother was shoot down we (Ali) was 20 years young and along with 7 other brothers who shared an attitude (connection/unity one thought) with over 100 other cities and town in the U S of A. From this frame of mind we tore up America, knot out windows, broke into stores all kind of Caucasian business all over the land. King, a member of the Black Family not King James translator of the Bible in 1611, no we're talking bout the brother who met with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad then told us He had been to the mountain top. The question was asked in the early 30s "Why does the Devil call our people—African? (Devil is one who is deceptive with intelligent and/or truth). ANS.- To make our people of North America believe that the people on that continent are the only people they have and are all savage. He, the trick Man or just say Devil bought a trading post in the jungle of that continent. The original people live on the continent and they are the ones who strayed away from civilization and are living a jungle life. The original people call this continent Asia, but the Devil calls it Africa, to try to divide them. He wants us to think that we are all different. Why does the Devil keep our people illiterate? ANS.- so that he can use them for a tool and also a slave. He keeps them blind to themselves so that he can master them. King, father, son, husband

Brother, must not be reduced to a mere slogan "I have a dream" when He is so much more. King our Brother who President Johnson got mad at for speaking out about the unjust war in Iraq oops Vietnam. Brother Martin L King or as we say today MLK who J. Eagar Hoover used this racist Nation intelligent community to kill our Brother and we all know this to be the truth, yet when Katrina hit and our Family members was on them rooftops and the Gulf under their feet. King a warrior for God, would have demanded them helicopters off them bases in New Orleans and would have been at the Millions More Movement bearing witness to the P.O.W.E.R. (people organized working for economic rebirth) and our unite as the Family of God. We say unto you "Let not your hearts (Mind) be troubled for who so ever know the Truth, MUST act on it. My People are destroyed for lack of Knowledge and as a People think then so are there works. Family let us not let our recent struggle for Freedom, Justice, Equity plus the right to know the truth, be given to us by other than us, Do you get my drift. Remember President Johnson used Brother Ralph Abernathy to speak out against Brother MLK. Brother had said that the money should be spent on the poor.

African American Legislative Day
January 20, 2006

Friday, January 20, 2006 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration, Capitol Building Rotunda, Olympia, Washington 8:00 – 10:00
Legislative Hearings House -Economic Development and Juvenile Justice committees meet
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1:00 to 1:15 Member Recognition,
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A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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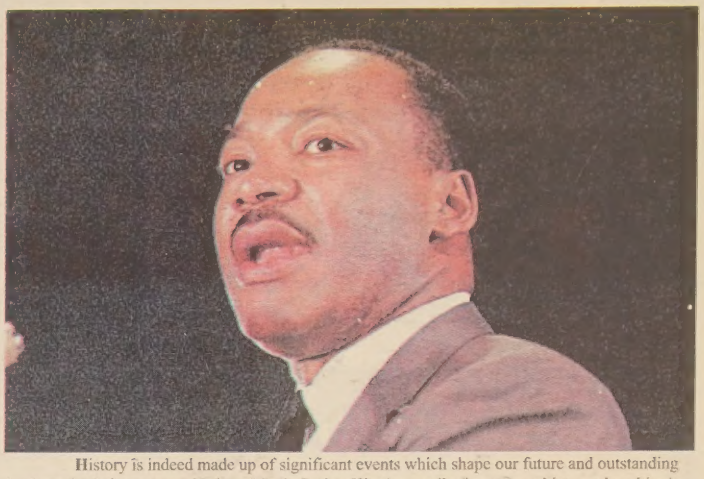

History is indeed made up of significant events which shape our future and outstanding leaders who influence our destiny. Martin Luther King's contributions to our history place him in this inimitable position. In his short life, Martin Luther King was instrumental in helping us realize and rectify those unspeakable flaws which were tarnishing the name of **America**. The events which took place in and around his life were earth shattering, for they represented an America which was hostile and quite different from America as we see it today. Martin Luther King, Jr. catapulted to fame when he came to the assistance of Rosa Parks, the Montgomery, Alabama Black seamstress who refused to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery bus to a White passenger. In those days American Blacks were confined to positions of second class citizenship by restrictive laws and customs. To break these laws would mean subjugation and humiliation by the police and the legal system. Beatings, imprisonment and sometimes death were waiting for those who defied the **System**. **Black Americans** needed a Martin Luther King, but above all **America** needed him. The significant qualities of this special man cannot be underestimated nor taken for granted. Within a span of 13 years from 1955 to his death in 1968 he was able to expound, expose, and extricate America from many wrongs. His tactics of protest involved non-violent passive resistance to racial injustice. It was the right prescription for our country, and it was right on time. Hope in America was waning on the part of many Black Americans, but Martin Luther King, Jr. provided a candle along with a light. He also provided this nation with a road map so that all people could locate and share together in the abundance of this great democracy. We honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. because he showed us the way to mend those broken fences and to move on in building this land rather than destroying it. He led campaign after campaign in the streets of America and on to the governor's mansion - even to the White House - in an effort to secure change. Today Black Americans have federal legislation which provides access and legal protection in the areas of **public accommodations**, **housing**, **voting rights**, **schools**, and **transportation**. These rights were not easily won, nor readily accepted, but the good will and conscience of an enormous spectrum of our society both Black and White said "**Move On**." Thank you Dr. King for being the drum major who was able and ready to lead our nation to greater heights through love and peace.

Dr. Martin Luther King
EVENTS AND CELEBRATION

2 Annual Martin Luther King Jr, UNITY CELEBRATION

Saturday January 14th at the Tacoma Landmark Convention Center Temple Theater we will be honoring Dennis G. Seinfield the Community Champion of Social Justice also keynote speaker Evangelist Manual Scott Jr. this is going to be a night to remember. Tickets are still available but going fast and proceeds will support services to help the Homeless and Low Income Individuals and Families. Tickets are $75. And for more information call us at (253)682-1319 hosted by MLKHDA

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The Black Student Union of the U.P.S. co-host the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration

On Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00pm; The Black Student Union of the University of Puget Sound will co-host the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration, in association with ASUPS for the campus community and our guests from the surrounding neighborhoods. This commemorative event is free and open to the public. The event will be held at UPS campus - Kilworth Chapel, North 18th & Warner, Tacoma, WA. We will have guest speakers, and unique performances that will uplift your spirit and give honor to Dr. King. It will be a performance like no other. You are cordially invited to attend our celebratory event as our special guest Speaker. Join us as we celebrates the life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and the history of African Americans.

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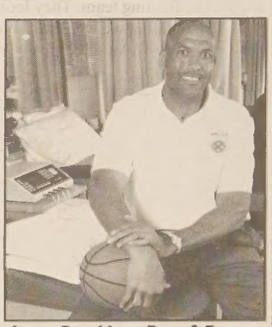

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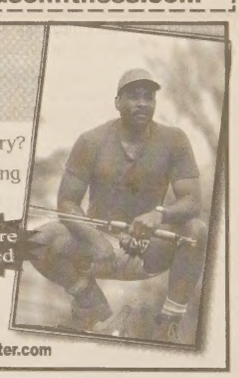

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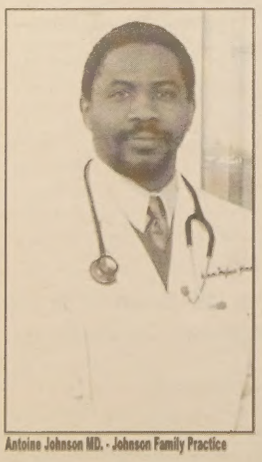

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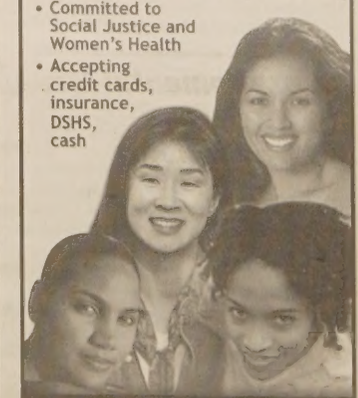

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Three??? Three blind men or three wise man.

One week from today we shall find out which of the two categories, Mike Holmgren (Seahawks Head Coach), Lorenzo Romar (UW Men's basketball Coach) and Bob Hill newly appointed Head Coach of the Sonics fit in.

The hero or goat comparison is appropriate because of what the three are facing.

Mike Holmgren and his Seahawks are poised to make a run to the Promised Land.

The team is two home wins away from the Super bowl. First game will be a Saturday rematch with the Washington Redskins who beat the Seahawks 20-17 in week four of the season. According to League MVP Shaun Alexander it will be a different place and different time when the two teams do battle on Saturday at Qwest Field. "The Redskins have always been a great, fighting team. They look really, really the same. But for us, we were 2-1 when we played them, but we were still trying to find our identity. 11 weeks later we are a different ball club. There is a lot of confidence that we have in our own abilities. We have had a lot of 80-yard drives. That is kind of how our offense feels. We can put together stuff at any time. We are really excited about this game."

The question that will be answered on Saturday is how excited are the Seahawks.

Excited to the point of overconfidence or excited to the point where they will be a focused team? And so you see, Saturday night we will see if Seahawks Head Coach Mike Holmgren will is a true football Messiah or just another false prophet on the street corner screaming death and destruction.

U.W men's basketball Head Coach Lorenzo Romar has seen on court doom and gloom and must now find a way to inspire his downtrodden team.

Some where between Christmas Day 2005 and the settling in of the year 2006, the Huskies suffered heartbreaking losses to Arizona and Washington State at home.

"Well you have to give the Cougars an awful lot of credit. What it came down to is they were a tougher, mentally tougher, team than we were tonight. We got down and they stayed the course. They didn't get rattled, they just kept coming." Coach Lorenzo Romar said after the team's loss to state rival Washington State.

So the 13th ranked Huskies with their12-2 record will embark on a two game road trip to Cali, to face the (11-4,) USC Trojans on Thursday and the 11th ranked UCLA Bruins on Saturday.

Now you see what I mean about the true Messiah or false Prophet analogy. Romar is facing his toughest challenge in getting his team mentally ready for the upcoming Pac Ten Conference play.

All you need to know about the Sonics is Bob Weiss is gone, Bob Hill is the new coach and the team has gone 1-3 since Hill took over. The teams overall record is a season low 14-20.

Grammy-Winning Singer Lou Rawls Dies of Lung Cancer at Age 72

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Travelers.

After a two-year stint in the Army, Rawls returned to Los Angeles and rejoined the Pilgrim Travelers, where he sang with Sam Cooke. Rawls performed with Dick Clark at the Hollywood Bowl in 1959, and two years later, he opened for The Beatles at Crosley Field in Cincinnati. Rawls was playing small blues and R&B clubs in Los Angeles when his four-octave range caught the ear of a Capitol Records producer, who signed him to the label in 1962. His debut effort, "Stormy Monday," recorded with the Les McCann Trio, was the first of 28 albums Rawls made with Capitol. His 1966 hit, "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing," topped the charts and earned Rawls his first two Grammy nominations. He received 13 during his career.

Rawls, whose hits included "Dead End Street" and "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine," released his most recent album, "Seasons 4 U," in 1998 on his own label, Rawls & Brokaw Records.

The stalwart singer also appeared in 18 movies, including "Leaving Las Vegas" and "Blues Brothers 2000," and 16 television series, including "Fantasy Island" and "The Fall Guy." A longtime community activist, Rawls visited schools, playgrounds and community centers in the 1960s, encouraging children to continue their studies and have confidence in their abilities. In the '80s, he helped the United Negro College Fund raise more than $200 million through telethons.

In 1976, Rawls became the corporate spokesman for the Anheuser-Busch Cos. breweries. Rawls was diagnosed with lung cancer in December 2004 and brain cancer in May 2005. Besides his wife Nina, Rawls is survived by four children, Louanna Rawls, Lou Rawls Jr., Kendra Smith and Aiden Rawls.

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